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ESTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

INTERIM REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE

REPORT OF THE SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1942

THE URBAN DISTRICT OF ESTON

Chairman of the Council:- Councillor P. McPartlan

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

The whole of the Members of the Council  
constitute the Public Health Committee.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

✓ MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH: James A. Dunlop, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

✓ SENIOR SANITARY INSPECTOR    CLEANSING SUPERINTENDENT: William Linsley  
M.R.(San)I., M.S.I.A., R.P.C.

✓ ADDITIONAL SANITARY INSPECTORS: Alfred King, C.R.S.I.(Meat & Food)  
Ronald E.V. Warrand, Cert.S.I.B.

CLERKS: W. Verrill  
O. Cook

MATRON OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES HOSPITAL:

Miss A.M. Wratten (resigned 30th April 1942)  
Miss J. Arthur (appointed 1st May, 1942)

✓ Contributions to salary from Exchequer

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ESTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL  
INTERIM REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
FOR THE YEAR 1942

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Eston Urban District Council.

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the  
Annual Report on the public health of the Eston Urban  
District for the year 1942.

This report has been prepared in accordance  
with the Ministry of Health Circular No. 2773 and is in  
consequence much reduced in size.

I wish to express my thanks once more to the  
members of the Council for their support and guidance  
during the year and also to my fellow officers and all  
members of the staff of the various sections of the  
Public Health Department for their loyal co-operation.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES A. DUNLOP,

Medical Officer of Health.

July, 1943.

SECTION "A"  
GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of the district (acres) ... ..	5,559
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1942) according to Rate Books ...	8,020
Rateable Value (at September 1942)... ..	£135,313
Sum represented by penny rate... ..	£514

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SOCIAL CONDITIONS

The general health of the community remains good. Naturally under war time conditions the trade and industry in an area such as this have been in a very flourishing condition with a resulting improvement in the financial circumstances of the community as a whole. In particular, this improvement has been reflected in the welfare of the children and it is, in my opinion beyond all doubt, that the general physique of the children in this area has improved immensely as contrasted with their condition in the pre-war depression years. I have noticed a similar gratifying improvement in the general condition of the nursing mothers attending the Welfare Centres. While much credit, in the case of the children, is due to the provision of school meals, I believe that for the general improvement much praise should be given to the wise planning of food rationing by the Ministry of Food.

ANALYSIS OF DEATHS IN AGE GROUPS

The deaths which occurred during the year, divided into age groups, are as follows:-

41	deaths	under	one	year	of	age	
12	"	over	1	year	and	under	5 years
10	"	"	5	years	"	"	10 "
9	"	"	10	"	"	"	15 "
16	"	"	15	"	"	"	25 "
51	"	"	25	"	"	"	45 "
101	"	"	45	"	"	"	65 "
76	"	"	65	"	"	"	75 "
60	"		75	years	of	age	and over.

CAUSES OF DEATH

	<u>M</u>	<u>F</u>
Cerebro-spinal fever	2	2
Whooping Cough	1	-
Diphtheria	2	-
Respiratory Tuberculosis	12	6
Other forms of Tuberculosis	2	3
Syphilitic diseases	3	-
Influenza	2	2
Measles	1	-
Poliomyelitis	-	1
Cancer	21	20
Diabetes	-	3
Intracranial vascular lesions	21	10
Heart disease	51	39
Other diseases of circulatory system	3	2
Bronchitis	16	5
Pneumonia	21	7
Other respiratory diseases	3	1
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	2	-
Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	5	3
Appendicitis	2	-
Other digestive diseases	5	5
Nephritis	5	2
Puerperal sepsis	-	2
Other maternal causes	-	3
Premature birth, malformation etc.	13	6
Suicide	4	1
Road traffic accidents	2	2
Other violent causes	15	7
All other causes	14	18



## EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

In accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular no population figures are shown throughout this report and I have omitted to show birth and death rates for the district, in the following two tables.

### BIRTHS

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	572	302	270
Illegitimate	39	19	20

### STILL BIRTHS

Legitimate	21	11	10
Illegitimate	-	-	-

### DEATHS

<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
376	212	151

### DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES

	<u>Deaths</u>	<u>Rate per 1,000 births</u>
Puerperal sepsis	2	3.3
Other puerperal causes	3	4.9
	<u>5</u>	<u>8.2</u>

### DEATH RATES OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE

All infants per 1,000 live births	...	...	67
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	72
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	50
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	...	33
Deaths from Measles " "	...	...	1
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	1
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under two years)	...	...	8

ANALYSIS OF INFANTILE MORTALITY, 1942

CAUSE OF DEATH	Under 1 wk	1-2 wks	2-3 wks	3-4 wks	Total under 4 wks	1-3 mth	3-6 mth	6-9 mth	9-12 mths	Total deaths under 1yr
Marasmus	-	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Intussu- sception	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2
Bronchitis	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Prematurity	5	-	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	6
Convulsions	2	-	-	-	2	-	2	2	1	7
Enteritis	-	2	1	2	5	-	1	1	-	7
Pneumonia	-	-	-	2	2	-	1	1	1	8
Pneumococcal Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Congenital Cardiac Abnormality	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Anterior Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Asphyxia	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Malnutrition	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Totals	10	6	1	4	21	2	8	8	2	40

SECTION "B"

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

LABORATORY FACILITIES

During the year 52 milk samples were sent for bacteriological examination and 367 Diphtheria throat swabs were examined.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The following is a report from the Superintendent of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade:-  
 "During the year 744 patients have been carried in the ambulance. 31 of these were road accidents and 713 patients were removed from their homes for hospital treatment. The ambulance travelled 6,154 miles. The Brigade continues to carry out this work voluntarily, no charge being made for the use of the ambulance or the service rendered by the drivers and attendants".

## NURSING IN THE HOMES

The following is a brief statement of the activities of the Nursing Associations in the area.

### SOUTH BANK ASSOCIATION

Four whole-time fully qualified nurses are employed who made the following visits during the year:-

General ... ..	2796
Midwifery & Maternity	3953
Tuberculosis ... ..	21
Ante-Natal ... ..	1450
Casual Visits ... ..	122
Welfare Centres etc	45
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### ESTON, ORMESBY & WILTON ASSOCIATION

This Association employs two whole-time fully qualified nurses who made the following visits during the year:-

General ... ..	2274
Midwifery & Maternity	2191
Post & Ante-Natal	1794
Casual Visits ... ..	627
Welfare Centres ... ..	69
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### GRANGETOWN ASSOCIATION

This Association employs 3 whole-time fully qualified nurses who made the following visits during the year:-

General ... ..	3617
Maternity & Midwifery	3053
Ante-Natal ... ..	707
Sundry visits ... ..	49
Welfare Centres ... ..	24
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### SECTION "C"

Details of the various sanitary circumstances under this section will be dealt with in the report of the Senior Sanitary Inspector.



## ANALYSIS OF THE TOTAL NOTIFIED CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) IN AGE GROUPS

DISEASE	Total cases notified													Total deaths												
	Under year	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 25	25 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	65 and over	Under year	1 to 2	2 to 3	3 to 4	4 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 25	25 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 65	65 and over
Scarlet Fever	-	2	-	4	4	14	4	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erythraemia	-	3	3	7	6	29	13	10	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	1	4	6	6	4	12	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	1	-	1	-	3	1	6	11	4	7	6	-	7	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	2	3	5	5
Cerebro-spinal Fever	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Measles	7	17	24	24	20	36	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	9	27	33	42	35	101	22	19	28	7	12	6	6	8	1	-	-	1	3	2	2	1	3	3	5	5

# INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following is a table of particulars of infectious diseases treated at the Isolation Hospital during 1942.

Disease	No. of cases admitted	No. in at 31/12/41	No. of cases discharged	No. in hospital at 31/12/42
Scarlet Fever	25	-	25	-
Diphtheria	78*	5	71	12
Puerperal Fever	6*	1	7	-
Cerebro-spinal Fever	11	-	9	2
Measles	1	-	1	-
Dysentery	31*	-	31	-
Poliomyelitis	1	-	1	-
Pneumonia	1	-	1	-
Suspected Typhoid	1	-	1	-
Tubercular Meningitis	1	-	1	-
Mumps	1	-	1	-
Totals	157	6	149	14

## NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASE IN THE WARDS

W A R D	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Pneumonia	Erysipelas	Measles	Puerperal Fever	Whooping Cough	Cerebro spinal Fever	Poliomyelitis	Dysentery
North West	6	5	6	1	32	1	2	4	-	1
Seangetown	4	16	2	-	3	3	4	1	-	-
Normanby	1	7	4	1	3	1	11	1	-	-
Marcourt	2	6	1	1	13	-	5	1	1	-
Branch	3	6	6	1	15	1	1	3	-	-
Central	9	22	7	1	12	1	5	2	1	-
South Bank	3	7	4	1	22	1	6	1	-	1
Clery	2	9	10	-	31	4	2	1	-	-
Totals	30	78	40	6	131	8	36	11	2	1

\* 30 cases of Dysentery, 1 Puerperal Fever and 1 Diphtheria were admitted from outside districts.

\* 19 cases of Diphtheria were found "negative"

#### SECTION "D"

This section is dealt with in the report of the Senior Sanitary Inspector.

#### SECTION "E"

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#### SECTION "F"

##### PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS

##### AND OTHER DISEASES

With regard to the incidence of infectious disease in the district during the year under review the most remarkable point was that there were 300 fewer cases of Measles than in the previous year. Too much importance, however, should not be attached to this as it is well known that Measles occurs in cycles and that a large outbreak may occur at any time.

Most of the other infectious diseases were about at the usual rate of incidence with the exception of diphtheria which showed a disappointing increase. Whilst this would seem to suggest that the results expected from the immunising campaign had not been obtained it must, in fairness, be pointed out that in the vast majority of cases the diphtheria was of a very mild type and the children showed practically no clinical signs of the disease.

So that one is tempted to suggest that had there been no diphtheria immunisation some of these mild cases might have been very much more serious and from that point of view the campaign should be considered to have done good.

The following table gives in tabulated form the amount of immunisation done in the district during 1942.



	<u>Under 5</u> <u>years</u>	<u>5 - 15</u> <u>years</u>
No. of children immunised during 1942	434	853
Estimate population of children in area	2,500	4,900
Percentage of child population immunised	64%	93.7%

These figures show a big improvement in the percentages of school children who have been immunised against diphtheria and in particular the children under 5 years of age.

Once again I must express my thanks to the medical practitioners in the area, the Head Teachers in the Schools and the Health Visitors for their very helpful co-operation which I have received in this campaign.

#### INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND FUMIGATIONS

362 visits were made in connection with infectious disease. The following is an analysis of the premises disinfected during the year:

<u>Houses</u>	<u>Rooms</u>	<u>Cause</u>
34	101	Scarlet Fever
76	293	Diphtheria
14	44	Tuberculosis
28	81	Other medical causes
31	109	Other causes
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# T U B E R C U L O S I S

## NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1942

Particulars of new cases of Tuberculosis notified during the year and of all deaths from this disease are shown in the following table in age groups:-

AGE PERIODS	Cases notified				Deaths			
	Pulmonary M.	F.	Non-Pulmonary M.	F.	Pulmonary M.	F.	Non-Pulmonary M.	F.
Under 1 year	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
1 and 5 years	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	1
5 and 10 years	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
10 and 15 years	-	3	-	-	1	-	1	-
15 and 20 years	1	1	2	-	-	2	1	-
20 and 25 years	-	3	1	-	1	1	-	-
25 and 35 years	-	3	-	-	1	1	-	-
35 and 45 years	6	1	-	-	5	5	-	-
45 and 55 years	4	1	-	1	3	1	-	-
55 and 65 years	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 years and over	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Totals	13	13	4	6	13	10	2	1

The deaths from this cause show an increase of 4 on those for the previous year.

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To the Chairman and Members of the  
Eston Urban District Council,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

As in previous years since the commencement of the War this annual report of the work carried out by your staff of Sanitary Inspectors is of necessity brief and of an interim nature.

Tabulated form has been used as far as possible for recording the various inspections and visits made and the results obtained. The number of inspections quoted are larger than those for the previous year and whilst showing a reasonable amount of general supervision for each of the various services they include visits for other than the Sanitary Department's statutory duties.

The supply of some building materials continued to be very restricted, more bricks, cement etc., were available but, iron set pots, fireplace parts, refuse bins, wood, paint etc. continued to be difficult to obtain. The shortage of these supplies seriously affect housing repairs consequently there was a decrease in the number of repairs for which notices were served compared with those for the previous year.

Much extra work continued to be imposed on the staff and although delays in action were often unavoidable nothing of an emergency nature was neglected. Many extra hours of labour were devoted to the work to keep all records as up to date as possible. In view of the extra duties (other than sanitary) which are now being carried out it is hoped that our efforts to maintain a good standard of sanitary administration will be appreciated.

Your obedient servant,

WILLIAM LINSLEY.

Senior Sanitary Inspector & Cleansing  
Superintendent.

## SECTION "C"

### WATER.

There were no new sources of public water supply or important extension of mains during the year. Two samples of water were taken, one on behalf of the Council and one by officers of the Tees Valley Water Board. Both samples were submitted for chemical and bacteriological examination and proved wholesome and suitable for drinking and domestic purposes.

### DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

No extensive sewerage works were carried out and the method of disposal of sewerage remained the same as heretofore.

### RIVERS AND STREAMS.

There are no alterations or works of importance to report under this heading.

### CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

With the exception of a small number of farms and isolated houses, the district is served by the water carriage system. General conversion from pail closets took place nineteen years ago.

### PUBLIC CLEANSING.

There was no outstanding change of policy during the year, the erection of air raid shelters in the back streets continued to make refuse collection more difficult especially where bunks had been installed. There was no great difficulty in securing sufficient male labour to carry out the work.

Street sweeping continued to be carried out by street orderly barrows but difficulty continued to be experienced in back street cleansing owing to the air raid shelters.

Street gulley cleansing and sewer flushing, which is carried out by horse-drawn vehicles, received regular attention. This work was also made more difficult by air raid shelters in the back streets.



Snow falls were not so heavy as those experienced during the previous year. The snow ploughs purchased during the previous year for attachment to the motor refuse vans proved very useful and effective during the falls when it was found necessary to use them to keep the main roads clear.

The collection, sorting and sale of salvage commenced in April, 1940, was continued very successfully throughout the year. The salvage bonus granted to the workmen was continued and makes them keen to collect as much as possible. A special report on salvage collection and disposal showing very satisfactory results on the completed three years working was issued after the close of the financial year (31st March, 1943), and as half-yearly reports on this work are submitted for your approval it does not appear to be necessary to pursue the matter further in this report except to state briefly that whilst the first year of salvage collection (1st April, 1940 to 31st March 1941) showed gross sales of materials amounting to £1,372, with a nett profit of £854, the second year's figures (1st April, 1941 to 31st March, 1942) were gross sales £1,647 with a nett profit of £828, and the third year's figures (1st April, 1942 to 31st March, 1943) were gross sales £2229 with a nett profit of £972, excluding £360 written off to cancel all capital account expended on buildings and plant.

### SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

#### GENERAL SANITARY WORK

The following is a tabulated statement of the number and nature of the inspections made during the year under the various Acts, Orders and Byelaws in force within the Urban Area.

<u>Inspections.</u>	<u>Visits.</u>
Dwelling houses inspected under Public Health Act. etc.	799
Dwelling houses (re-inspection) under above ..	471.
Dwelling houses (work in progress) under above ..	230
Interviews with Builders, Owners and others ..	1287
Complaints investigated. .. ..	177

# Summary of Inspections (Contd)

<u>Inspections.</u>	<u>Visits.</u>
Inspections of:-	
Bakehouses .. ..	21
Common lodging houses ..	34
Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops ..	61
Slaughterhouses .. ..	311
Markets and Food Stores ..	102
Workshops and Workplaces..	14
Schools .. ..	9
Fish and Fried Fish Shops ..	32
Outworkers premises ..	1
Streets and Common Yards ..	55
Conveniences (public) ..	79
Rat Infested Premises ..	53
Infectious Disease ..	169
Fumigations .. ..	193
Drain Examinations ..	225
Under Food & Drugs Act ..	28
Under Petroleum Acts ..	4
Scavenging & Cleansing ..	791
Overcrowding (Housing Act) ..	4
Shops (1912 to 1936) Acts ..	23
Civil Defence, British Restaurants & Miscellaneous visits not enumerated above	2081

## SUMMARY OF WORK CARRIED OUT UNDER NOTICES SERVED.

The various works which were completed under notices served or after intimation had been given to the Owners or Occupiers, are set out below:-

### Number of :-

Chimneys and roofs repaired ..	441
Spoutings and rainwater pipes renewed	102
Walls rebuilt or repaired ..	29
Floors relaid or repaired ..	31
Ceilings and plasters repaired ..	237
Window frames and sash cords repaired	5
Fireplaces repaired ..	151
Doors and frames repaired ..	14
Sinks and waste pipes repaired or provided	36
Setpots repaired ..	87
House water supplies repaired ..	42
Yard surfaces relaid or repaired ..	17
Refuse bins renewed ..	98
<u>House Drainage.</u>	
Drains tested, relaid or repaired	17
New gullies, traps or grids provided	20
Stoppages in drains removed by Owners	35
Stoppages in drains removed by Council without Notices being served	724
<u>Water Closets</u>	
Water supplies repaired ..	884
Cisterns renewed or repaired ..	4
Basins renewed ..	7
Seats and flush pipes renewed ..	2
Stoppages in drains removed by Owners	22
Stoppages in drains removed by Council without notices being served.	166

### Workshops

Notices received from H.M. Inspector	1
Notices served on Owners or Occupiers	1

### Common Lodging Houses

Visits	34
Room inspections for cleanliness & vermin	272

## COMPLAINTS

Complaints received were of a general nature, mostly referring to stopped drains, repairs to houses, etc. The number of complaints was slightly higher than those of the previous year, records were kept of their nature and the action taken.

### SMOKE ABATEMENT

No complaints were received during the year regarding nuisances from smoke emissions, most of the large industries in the district do not come within the Smoke Abatement Act.

### SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

There are no facilities under this heading in the District.

### ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

There were not many infested premises brought to my notice during the year. The usual methods of fumigating and spraying were continued with good effect. Many tenants now ask for the loan of a sprayer and insecticide to do the work themselves.

	<u>Infested.</u>	<u>Disinfested.</u>
No. of Council houses.	5	5
No. of other houses	25	25

8 premises were sprayed by the tenants.

### SCHOOLS.

The elementary schools in the District are under the control of the North Riding County Council who attend to their own alterations and repairs. 9 visits were made for various reasons, mostly connected with drainage defects.



## FACTORIES AND WORKPLACES

Periodical visits were made to these premises.

The defects found were of a minor nature and were remedied on representations being made to the occupiers. There is only one outworker registered in the district and the work is of an intermittent nature. During the year it was only necessary for H.M. Inspector of Factories to draw my attention to one contravention of the Act.

### SECTION "D"

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

(a) Total (including numbers given separately under (b))	..	nil
(b) (1) By the Local Authority	..	nil
(2) By other bodies or persons	..	nil

Inspection of dwelling houses during the year:-

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	.. ..	1462
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose		1502
(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	.. ..	nil
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose		nil
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	..	nil
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	..	nil

2. Remedy of defects during the year without the service of Formal notices :-	
Number of defective houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local Authority or their officers	.. 1268

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:-

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:-	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	nil
(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal notices	
(a) By Owners	.. .. nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	nil
(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	.. 9
(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after the service of Formal notices:-	
(a) By Owners.	.. 1
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	nil



- (c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :-
- |   |     |
|---|-----|
| (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made | nil |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders    | nil |
- (d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :-
- |   |     |
|---|-----|
| (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made  | nil |
| (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or rooms having been rendered fit. | nil |
4. Housing Act, 1936, Part IV - Overcrowding :-
- |  |      |
|--|------|
| (a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of 1941   | 39   |
| (2) Number of families dwelling therein  | 39   |
| (3) Number of persons dwelling therein   | 299  |
| (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during 1942   | nil  |
| (c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during 1942   | nil  |
| (2) Number of persons concerned in such cases  | nil  |
| (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the local authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding | nil  |
| (e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report                   | nil. |

#### SECTION "E"

##### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

All the meat supplies in this Area are now received from the adjoining County Borough and allocated to the butchers from a distributing depot. Regular visits are made to the depot at the times when the meat is being received or allocated. The fresh killed meat is inspected in the Borough's Public Slaughterhouse at the time of slaughter whilst the frozen meat is inspected at the wholesale establishments. Under these circumstances it is not surprising that the quantity found to be unfit for food is very small. Any complaints made regarding the inspection or quality of the meat received attention and the working relationship between the control, the butchers and myself is

very satisfactory.

417 visits were made in connection with meat and food inspection; the approximate quantities of meat, exclusive of offals and joints which passed through the distributing depot were :-

Fresh killed

Sides of Beef	-	2111	Sheep & Lambs	-	6083
Carcases of pigs		117	Calves	-	328

Imported.

Fore & Hind			Sheep & Lambs	-	10324
quarters of beef	-	2857	Carcases of Pigs		190
Pork Loins	-	10170 Lbs.			
"	"	119 cases			
Tinned Meat	-	676 cases.			

Apart from unsatisfactory meat returned to the senders the following was found to be unfit for food:-

Sundry beef joints and offals	..	40 lbs.
Bacon	..	90 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
Cooked meats	..	68 lbs.
Cooked meats	..	19 tins
Butter	..	6 lbs.
Fish	..	2 tins
Sundry tinned milk and foods	..	89 tins.

MILK SUPPLY.

The number of milk producers and wholesalers did not vary during the year.

The number of cowsheds remained the same as in the previous year (14) and the number of cows was approximately 142.

61 visits were made to cowsheds, dairies and milkshops and any request regarding limewashing and cleansing was attended to without undue delay.

There are no premises in the district registered under the Milk (Speacial Designations) Order, 1936. Three dairies outside the district hold supplementary licences to sell "Pasteurised Milk" in the area.

48 Informal samples of new milk were taken for analysis and office tested all of which proved genuine. The highest fat content recorded was 6% and the lowest 3.1% with an average of the 48 samples of 3.7% which is a good average.

All the samples were passed through cotton wool filter pads to ascertain the dirt content and where necessary the attention of the vendors and producers was drawn to the necessity of keeping the milk clean.

